

FAA UAPO and COA Update

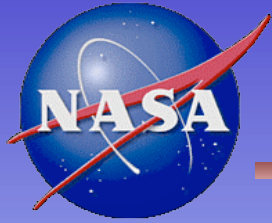
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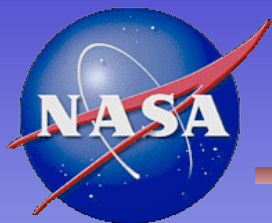
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FAA UAPO: Current Status



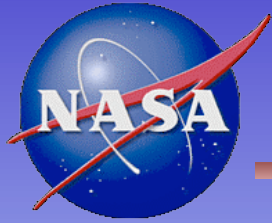
- Manager:
 - James Sizemore still acting
 - Position advertised and has closed
 - Another couple of months?
- Bruce Tarbert retired
 - NAS integration team lead; integral to COA approval process
 - Rick Prosek appointed to position
- Transition of office to new organizational code almost complete



COA Status



- More than twice as many COAs this year as last year
 - 170+ this year compared to 80+ last year
- Both new COAs and renewals taking a very long time
 - Augmented staff to assist with renewals
- Planning to begin COA field audits soon!
 - Checking to ensure COAs conditions are being met
- NASA COAs
 - 18 active
 - 20 pending (all renewals)

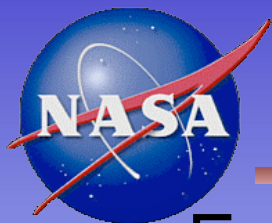


The ExCom



- 2009 National Defense Authorization Act.
- Federal multi-agency Executive level Committee:
 - FAA (AA, both ATO and AVS)
 - DOD (Fred Pease, David Ahearn)
 - DHS (DepUnSec Management)
 - NASA (AA, Aeronautics)
- Draft Mission Statement:

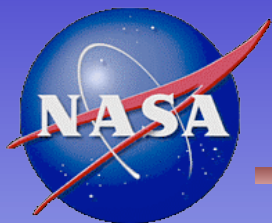
*The mission of this multi-agency UAS ExCom is to enable increased, and ultimately routine access of **federal public** UAS into the NAS to support operational, training, development and research requirements of the FAA, DoD, DHS and NASA.*



The ExCom



- ExCom Goals:
 - Coordinate and align efforts between key Federal Government agencies (FAA, DoD, DHS, and NASA) to achieve routine safe federal public UAS operations in the NAS.
 - Coordinate and prioritize technical, procedural, regulatory, and policy solutions needed to deliver incremental capabilities.
 - Develop a plan to accommodate the larger stakeholder community, at the appropriate time.
 - Resolve conflicts between Federal Government agencies (FAA, DoD, DHS, and NASA), related to the above goals.



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Thank You!